

REMARKS

Claim 1, paragraph A, has been modified to define “an access control module configured to selectively obtain content comprising data blocks from said content sources on an individual block basis....”

Claim 1, paragraph C, has been amended to define operation, “...within the operating system without application rewrites.”

Support for those amendments is found in the Application p. 57, line 10, p. 63, lines 6-7. No new matter has been added.

Claim 9, paragraph A, has been amended to define “...content comprising data blocks accessible from a set of content on an individual block basis.”

Claim 9, paragraph D, has been amended to define interfacing to “...a client operating system kernel without application rewrites.”

Support for those amendments is found in the Application p. 57, line 10, p. 63, lines 6-7. No new matter has been added.

It is submitted that the amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 9, the independent claims on the Application, were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,006,332 (Rabne) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,505,300 (Chan). Issue is taken with that position.

The rejection is the same rejection as in the previous Office Action noted September 19, 2005, to which the applicant responded on May 22, 2006. (The “May 22, 2006, Response”).

The applicant hereby repeats his reply from the May 22, 2006, Response.

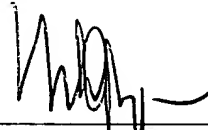
In the Action, the examiner characterized the May 22, 2006, Response as having two arguments, and with respect to each argument, pointed out that the applicant relied on a limitation that “was not a limitation of the claims.” However, applicant has now amended the claims to amend them to explicitly include those limitations. Thus, there is now proper basis for both arguments, and they are now hereby re-asserted. For the rescues set forth in the May 22, 2006, Response, incorporated by reference herein.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, there now is no proper basis for the § 103 rejection of independent claims 1 and 9, as well as claims 2-8 and 10-16 dependent thereon. The § 103 should now be reconsidered and withdrawn. All claims 1-16 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Passage to issue is requested.

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